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Horn resigns to coach South Carolina

ANDREW ROBINSON
Herald reporter

Athletics Director Wood Selig confirmed late Monday afternoon that men’s basketball coach Darrin Horn is leaving Western to take the head coaching position at the University of South Carolina.

Horn took the Toppers to the Sweet Sixteen this season, their deepest run into the NCAA Tournament since 1993, when Horn was a player for Western.

Selig said he expected Horn to meet with the current Western players last night.

The Daily Gamecock, South Carolina’s campus newspaper, reported that the South Carolina Board of Trustees have been called to a meeting at 11 a.m. today regarding athletic department personnel.

While Horn’s new salary at South Carolina hasn’t been released, Selig said that Western put an offer that was very competitive on the table, but would not release a specific amount.

Selig was originally contacted by South Carolina this weekend in regard to its interest in Horn as a candidate to replace Dave Odom, who retired at the end of the season.

Since the Toppers lost to UCLA last

Thursday, there has been a firestorm of speculation that Horn would be leaving the Toppers for South Carolina.

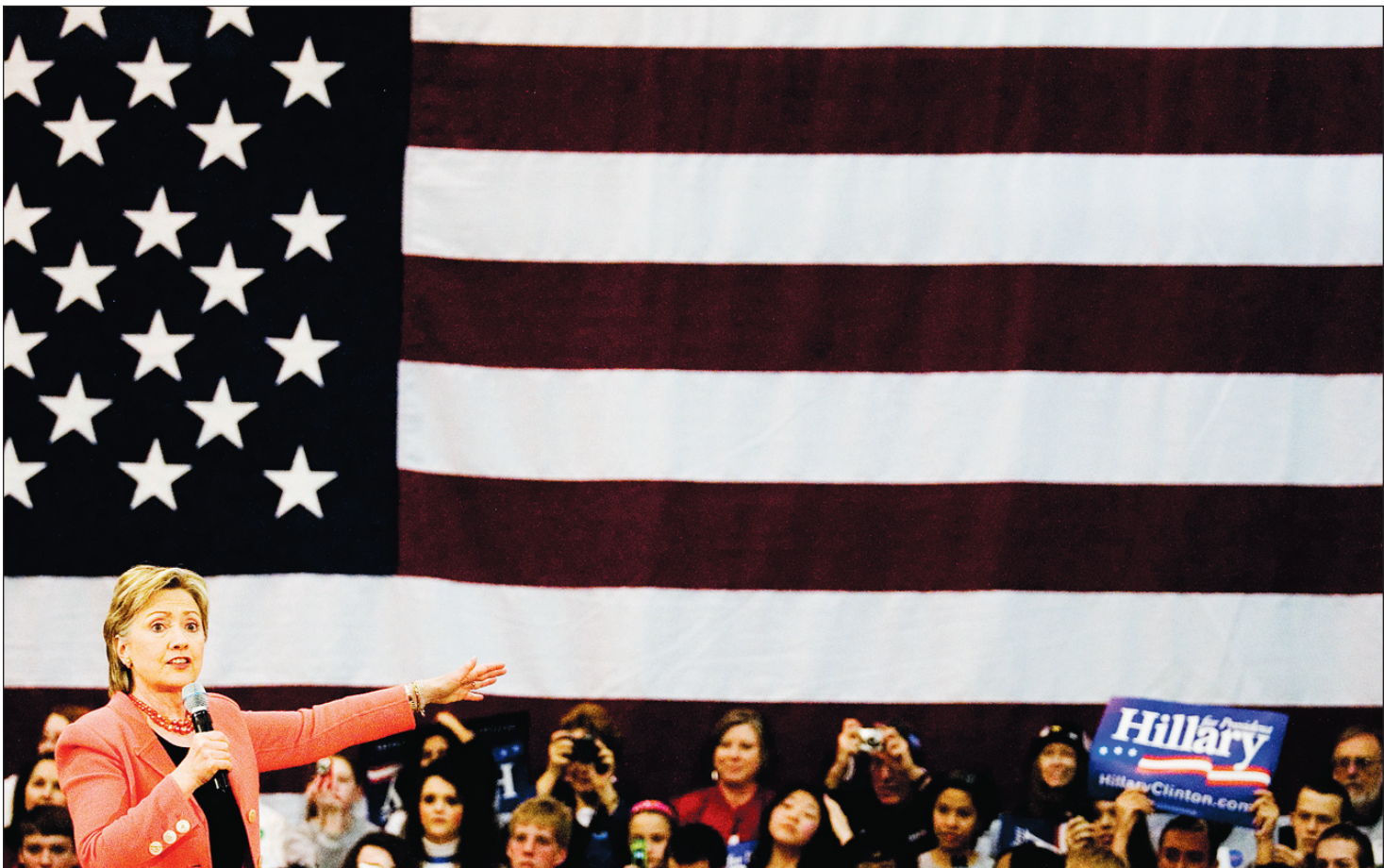
South Carolina will have a press conference at 1 p.m. today to announce Horn as its new head coach, according to an e-mail sent by the South Carolina Media Relations department.

According to Selig, Horn has a \$200,000 buyout in his contract. Horn also has a clause in his contract that will require the Gamecocks and Toppers to play in a four-year home-and-home series.

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Darrin Horn



LUKE SHARRETT/HERALD

Sen. Hillary Clinton, candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, speaks to nearly 2,500 people during a campaign rally held in the gym at duPont Manual High School in Louisville on Saturday. Clinton addressed issues pertinent to young and old alike, such as health care, taxes, college tuition and the war in Iraq.

NUMBER OF DELEGATES

1,625

OBAMA

1,486

CLINTON

Nominee has to win by simple majority of 2,024 delegates out of 4,047 to be nominated in 2008.

UPCOMING CAUCUSES

Guam: May 3

UPCOMING PRIMARIES

Pennsylvania: April 22
North Carolina & Indiana: May 6
Nebraska & West Virginia: May 13
Kentucky and Oregon: May 20
Idaho: May 27
Puerto Rico: June 1
Montana & South Dakota: June 3

Sources: <http://www.cnn.com/ELECTION/2008/>,
www.fec.gov/pubrec/2008pdates.pdf

Kentucky counts

Clinton speaks at Louisville high school; Democrats take notice of state’s delegates

EILEEN RYAN
Herald reporter

LOUISVILLE — Sen. Hillary Clinton’s rally at duPont Manual High School Saturday was full of pep.

About 2,200 people filled the Louisville high school’s gym, which was lined with banners reading “Hillary rocks my socks,” and “Kentucky counts, vote ‘08.” Cheerleaders pumped up the waiting crowd with chants of “Y-E-L-L everybody yell yell, Hillary, ‘08!”

Union members held green signs high, and women in “We can do it!” Rosie the Riveter T-shirts stood in groups, anticipating Clinton’s arrival.

Clinton, dressed in a bright coral suit and full of energy, promised the crowd that she won’t back down in the primary race and expressed

excitement that Kentucky’s vote will count.

The party nominations are often already decided by Kentucky’s late primary date on May 20. Clinton faces stiff competition from Sen. Barack Obama, and with 11 Democratic primaries and one caucus left, every state counts this election year.

Isaac Baker is a spokesman for Clinton’s campaign.

“Kentuckians aren’t used to playing such a pivotal role in the nominating process and I think it’s exciting that Democrats are going to have a chance to make their voices heard this year,” Baker said.

Obama is currently leading by 139 delegates, according to CNN’s Web site.

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Student government aims to increase voter turnout

HOLLY BROWN
& NEIL SIDERS
Herald reporters

After one week of campaigning, voting for three executive seats and 28 senatorial seats for the Student Government Association will end tonight at midnight.

The candidates were announced March 17 and official campaigning began that day. Voting began Sunday at midnight.

One issue brought up by candidates in the election is low student involvement. The one-week campaign has been criticized as a part of the problem.

Voter turnout last year was 1,424 and the year before, 1,376 voted in the SGA election.

President Jeanne Johnson said that her administration inherited the election codes from past administrations, but they can be revised.

She said that she thought that allowing candidates to campaign longer could affect their schoolwork.

SGA adviser Charley Pride agreed.

“The candidates are students too, and a long, drawn-out campaign would place extra stress on them and take away from their studies,” Pride said.

Johnson said that, in order to extend campaign time, they would have to start earlier rather than extend time later because the dates for voting on TopNet have to be coordinated with Information Technology.

She said she also feared that a dramatic increase of campaign time might have an adverse affect on voter turnout.

“Students might become worn out by the campaigns and decide not to participate at all,” Johnson said. “It’s like the old adage, too much PR hurts.”



LUKE SHARRETT/HERALD

Red Towel Party leaders Kevin Smiley, left, and Reagan Gilley, right, cheer on Student Government Association presidential candidate Tedde Harden, center, as he dances to techno music after their rally outside Java City on Monday afternoon.

She said her administration tried several new methods to increase voter turnout including having the debate during SGA week, working with administration to provide extra

credit to students who attended the debate and adding candidate profiles and questionnaires to the SGA Web site.

SEE TURNOUT, PAGE 6

Budget stalled in committee

MICHELLE DAY
Herald reporter

At 12:45 a.m. today legislators were still working to come up with a state budget before time to pass legislation ran out.

Tomorrow is the last day the full House and Senate can vote on a budget before going into recess until April 15, when they’ll review any legislation vetoed by the governor during the recess.

The House-Senate State Budget Conference Committee had to approve a budget by midnight to allow 36 hours to print the bill so legislators can vote on it.

Legislators still hadn’t resolved differences regarding spending and new revenue in the budget when committee negotiations resumed for the seventh day yesterday.

The House received the budget bill on Jan. 29, after Gov. Steve Beshear presented his budget proposal that included a 12 percent cut to postsecondary education.

The House-approved budget includes no cuts to postsecondary education and restores all capital construction projects vetoed by former Gov. Ernie Fletcher in 2006.

The Senate received the budget bill on March 13.

The Senate-approved budget includes a 3 percent cut to postsecondary education and only restores some vetoed projects.

The House and Senate budgets also differ on how to bring more money to the state.

The House budget included a revenue package that included a cigarette tax increase, applying the sales tax to certain services and restructuring state debt.

The Senate approved increasing the amount of money the lottery gives to education.

The Senate said before negotiations began they wouldn’t support any tax increases, a view that hasn’t changed in committee.

Some House members were also concerned that increasing contributions to the budget from the lottery wouldn’t work.

House budget chairman Rep. Harry Moberly Jr., D-Richmond, said during negotiations that the House doesn’t think the lottery can be used to raise money because other states that have used that method have seen a decrease in the amount of money the lottery brings in.

Sen. Dan Kelly, R-Springfield, said if the House can’t agree with increasing the lottery contribution and the Senate can’t agree with tax increases, then the committee should start from scratch and start cutting more spending.

Disagreements between legislators are because of the tense nature of budget negotiations, said Brian Wilkerson, communications director for the speaker of the House.

There have been personality conflicts before, but all are committed to getting things done, he said.

“They realize we can’t act unless we act together,” he said.

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BY THE NUMBERS

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Number of noses a slug has.

Sources: <http://www.4to40.com/omg/index.asp?id=2100&category=animal>

► CRIME REPORTS

Arrests

◆Amanda L. Hudson, Bowling Green, was arrested on March 29 on Nashville Road on charges of reckless driving, driving under the influence, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$750 cash bond.

◆Amanda M. Smith, Campbellsville, was arrested on March 28 in McCormack parking lot on charges of alcohol intoxication in a public place. She was released from the Warren County Jail the same day after five hours.

◆Monty J. Anderson, Bowling Green, was arrested on March 28 in Grise Hall on charges of alcohol intoxication in a public place. He was released from the Warren County Jail after five hours.

◆Cameron S. Smith, Elizabethtown, was arrested on March 28 at 14th Avenue and Center Street on charges of reckless driving and driving under the influence. He was released from the Warren County Jail on the same day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

Reports

◆President Gary Ransdell, reported on March 29 the theft of a Western flag from the flagpole in his front yard. The value of the theft was \$200.

◆Jana Whitehead, Bowling Green, reported on March 28 the theft of electronics from her car in the Normal lot. The value of the theft was \$664.

◆Paul Wozniak, sociology department, reported on March 28 the theft of an overhead projector from Grise Hall. The value of the theft was \$1,185.

◆Ross Evans, Nortonville, reported on March 28 damage to clothing and a rug in his room after water from the restroom ran under his door in Pearce-Ford Tower. The value of the damage was \$55.

◆Quenest Harrington, Louisville, reported on March 26 the loss of a camera and camera bag. Harrington left the PFT lot with the camera bag on top of the car. When she arrived at Burger King, the bag was gone. The value of the theft was \$1,390.

◆Brandon Botzman, Somerset, reported on March 26 the theft of a wallet from his room in McCormack Hall. The value of the theft was \$205.

◆Kyle Klingensmith, Somerset, reported on March 26 the theft of a wallet from his room in McCormack. The value of the theft was \$140.



WHAT'S GOING ON?

The calendar runs every Tuesday. Send your event post request by 3 p.m. Monday to calendar@chherald.com.

TUESDAY, April 1

- Gloria Steinem, 7:30 p.m., Van Meter Auditorium
- Faculty Award Reception, 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m., DUC Annex
- SGA Student Senate, 5 p.m., DUC 305
- Financial Aid Services, 8 a.m.- 3:45 p.m., Glasgow Campus, room 112
- WKU Grad Fair, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m., DUC
- BCM weekly worship service 180, 8:30 p.m., Grise Hall
- Warren County Chess Club, 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m., community college
- Press Conference, Mini Corvette, 9 a.m., Center for Research and Development

WEDNESDAY, April 2

- Cultural Diversity Film Series, 5 p.m-7:30 p.m., room 265, Glasgow Campus
- Geology club meeting, 3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m, EST third floor
- WKU Grad Fair, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., DUC

THURSDAY, April 3

- Alpha Lambda Alpha Meeting, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
- Gordon Ford College of Business, 9 a.m.- 3:30 p.m., room 112 Glasgow Campus
- Lung Cancer Awareness, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Front Lawn, Thompson Complex

FRIDAY, April 4

- American Cancer Society Relay for Life, 6 p.m., South Lawn
- Kentucky Geographic Bee, 8:30 a.m.- 1 p.m., Carroll Knicely Conference Center
- WKU Board of Regents Committee Meetings, Cornelius Martin Room, MMTH
- American Cancer Society Relay for Life, 6 p.m., DUC South Lawn

SATURDAY, April 5

- Can the Genesis record of creation be valuable to Academia: From the view of astronomy, biology, phy ..., 9 a.m., DUC Theater
- WKUs Gameathon 2008, 10 a.m.- 5:30 p.m., MMTH

SATURDAY, April 6

- WKU Faculty Clarinet Recital- Free with Dr. John Cipolla, 3 p.m., FAC

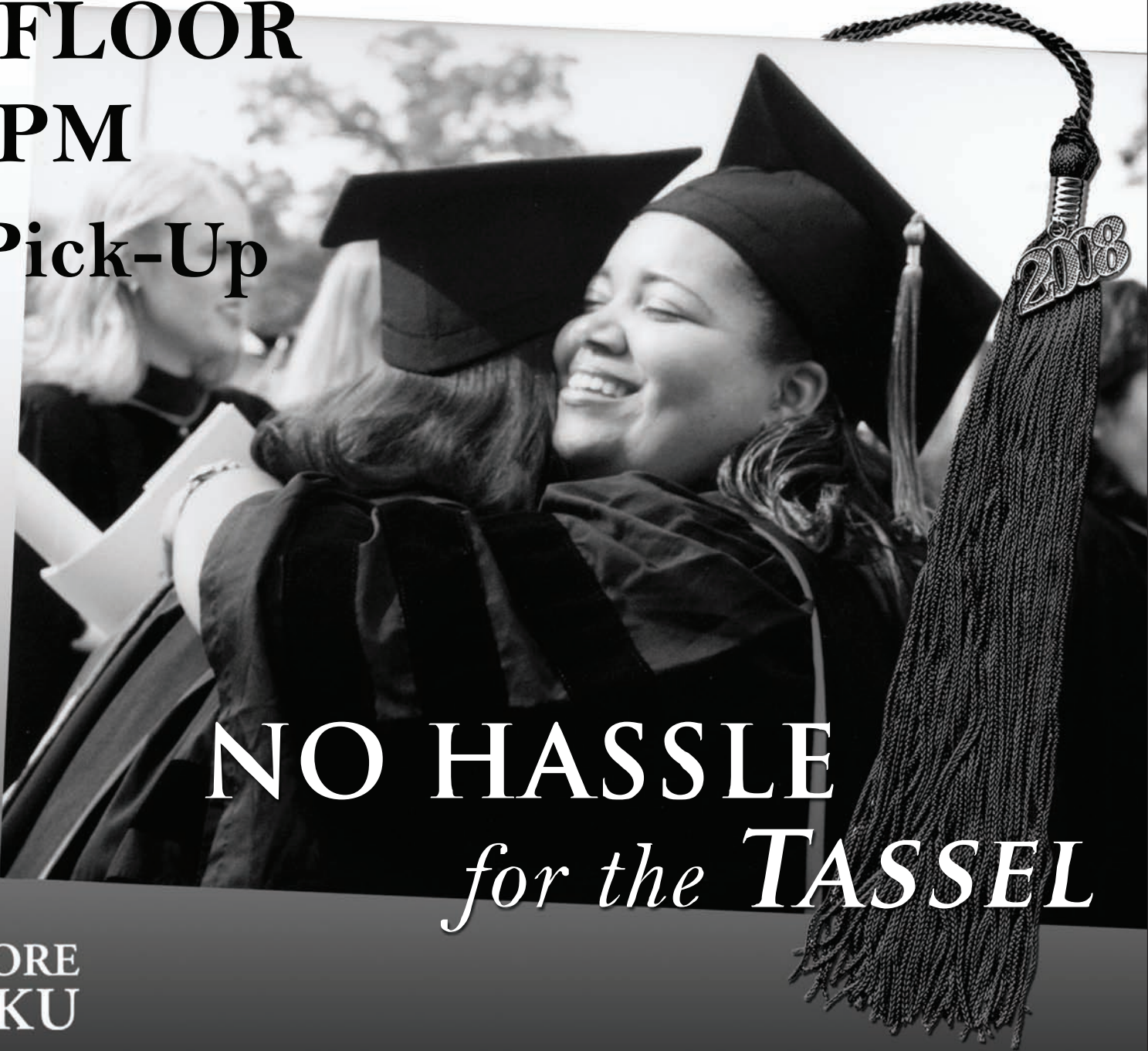
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OBITUARY

Nursing student dies

LARRY ROWELL
Herald reporter

A talented and beautiful artist who brought people joy with her work, Emily Christine Vickers also brought the warm joy of friendship and love into other people's lives.

Vickers, a junior from Franklin, Tenn., was a friend to those whom she came in contact with and now, it's her friends who are helping Vickers' family through a difficult time, said her dad, David.

A student in the School of Nursing, Vickers, 21, was found dead on March 25 in her apartment at the Registry apartment complex.

The cause of death has not been released, but foul play isn't suspected, said Barry Pruitt, public information officer for the Bowling Green Police Department.

The news of Vickers' death was shared with her classmates in a group meeting, supported by all available nursing faculty members and two staff members from the Counseling and Testing Center, stated Mary Bennett, director of the School of Nursing, in an e-mail.

"Many wept as they talked of Emily, and what she had meant to them as a classmate, student and friend. Prayers were offered for her friends and family," Bennett wrote.

The funeral was March 29 at the First United Methodist Church in Franklin.

Scottsville junior Kellie Keown said she remembered Vickers as someone who was always bubbly and who saw the best in everyone.

"She saw the world through rose-colored glasses," Keown said.

Morgantown junior and fellow nursing student Shira Hankins remembered Vickers as being beautiful inside and out and having a contagious laugh, always laughing at the goofiest things.

A common joke among Vickers' friends had to do with sticky notes.

Friends were continually offering her sticky notes to write things on but Vickers preferred to write on her hands, said Franklin sophomore Kacey

Passmore.

Vickers came from a medical family — her dad, David Vickers, is an anesthesiologist in Nashville and his dad was a pharmacist in Henderson, Tenn.

David Vickers said that although Emily was a talented artist, she was afraid of being a "starving artist" and entered the nursing field following family tradition.

Her mother, Jane Vickers, is a medical records specialist and according to David Vickers, the family has medical practitioners in several states.

If enough money can be raised, the School of Nursing is looking for ways to memorialize Vickers, such as purchasing a work of art in her name to display on campus and/or starting a nursing scholarship in her name, Bennett stated.

Those who wish to take part in this memorial fund can call the School of Nursing at 270-745-5022.

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Emily Vickers

STATE GOVERNMENT

Casino bill dealt losing hand

MICHELLE DAY
Herald reporter

The casino bill is dead, announced Gov. Steve Beshear and Speaker of the House Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, at an impromptu news conference on Thursday.

The bill, proposed by Beshear on Feb. 14, would have created a constitutional amendment to allow nine casinos in Kentucky with up to five of those at race-tracks.

The earliest the bill can be voted on again is in 2010 because constitutional amendments can only be on the ballot in regular session years.

The bill needed 60 votes to pass the House, but with the end of legislature approaching, Beshear and House leaders were unable to get all the votes.

Senate leaders had been saying from the time the bill was introduced that they were against allowing casinos in Kentucky.

Beshear announced on March 24 at another press conference that he hadn't given up yet on the casino bill, and he and House leaders would make a final push

to get the necessary votes.

John-Mark Hack of the Say No to Casinos campaign said after the press conference that nothing had changed to suggest there was a chance for the casino bill to still pass.

"He's acting like a compulsive gambler who can't stop losing," Hack said.

Asking individual legislators why they didn't support the bill is the only way to find out why there wasn't enough support, said Brian Wilkerson, communications director for the Speaker of the House.

Legislators probably thought voters in their district didn't support the amendment, Wilkerson said.

Wilkerson said the bill could come back up in 2010 because even though Beshear said he wasn't going forward with gambling now, he didn't say he was dropping the issue forever.

Vicki Glass, a spokesperson for Beshear, said it's too early to tell if the governor will bring up the gambling amendment in 2010.

"However, we do know that 80 percent of Kentuckians want

the opportunity to have casino gambling on the ballot," she said. "It's time to let the people decide."

The Kentucky Equine Education Project, which takes care of some lobbying for the horse industry, issued a statement saying this was a bad day for Kentuckians who want to vote on the issue or who want to keep money lost to casinos in other states in Kentucky.

"This is no doubt a very good day for Indiana, Illinois and West Virginia — as hundreds of millions of Kentucky dollars will continue to flow into their education, health care and transportation systems," the statement said.

Beshear said during his campaign for governor that expanding gambling in Kentucky was one of his priorities.

Beshear estimated the casinos would bring about \$600 million a year to Kentucky after the casinos were fully running, and most of that money would go to health care and education.

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April 4

Are you going to vote
in the SGA elections?



Mark Foster
Somerset
junior

"I haven't done any research on it so I don't plan on voting. I don't really know what they do and how they contribute to the university."



Carmen Trimpe
Louisville
sophomore

"Probably not to be completely honest. I'm irresponsible, I don't know."



Hamad Alabduwahed
Saudi Arabia
grad student

"I don't know. I don't think so. I don't know what it is, what they do for us and what they are going to change."



Maria Shlich
Louisville
sophomore

"I haven't yet, but I am planning on it. Some of my friends are running so I'm going to vote for them."

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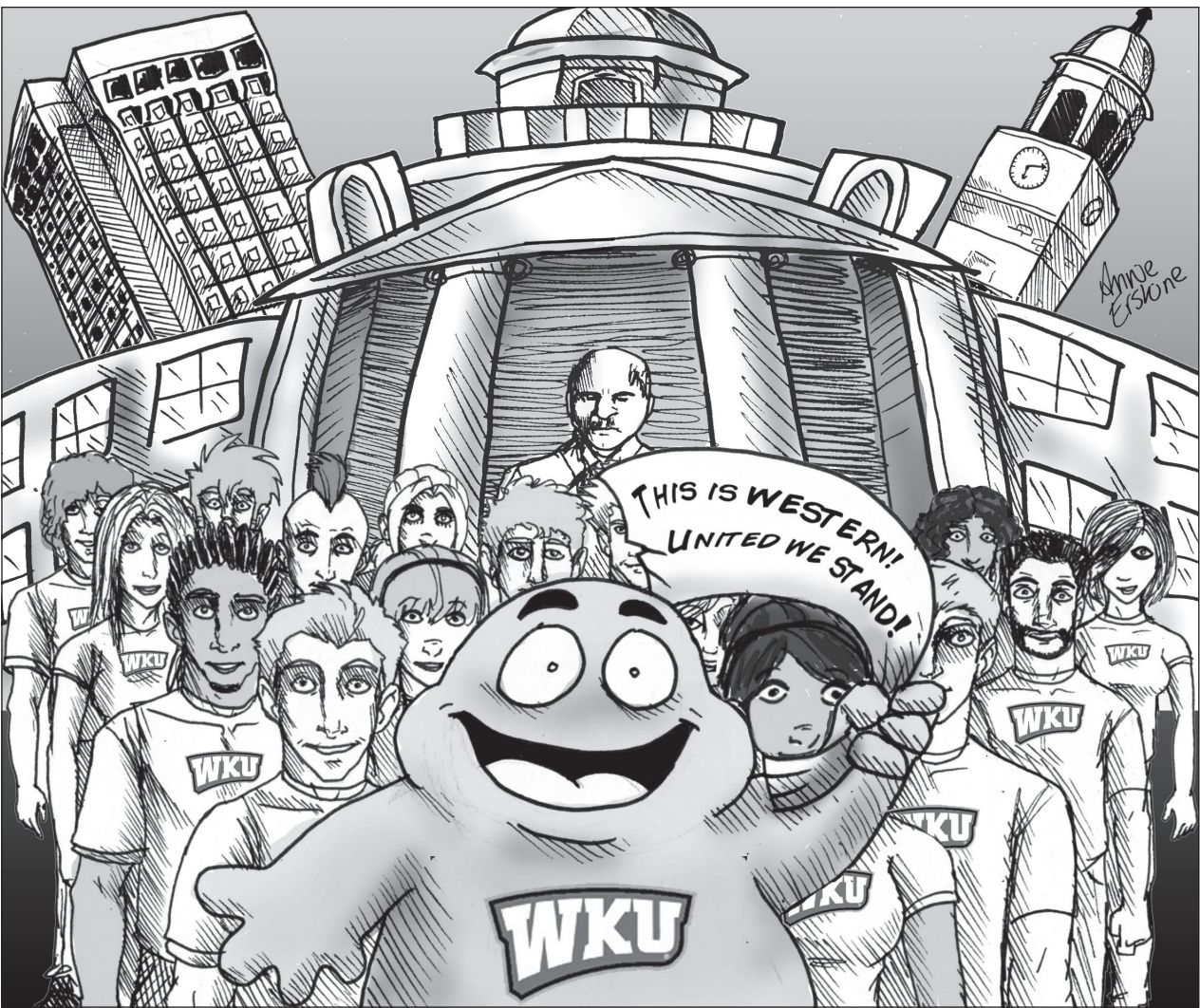
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OPINION

STAFF EDITORIAL



Pride is not seasonal

Don't let our school spirit fade away

Students and faculty from different backgrounds and beliefs came together last week with one common identity as Hilltoppers. Our success in the NCAA men's basketball tournament uncovered a sense of pride in Western that could be felt from Bowling Green to Phoenix.

The excitement that engulfed all of Bowling Green could be seen at every bar in town and on many marquees on Scottsville Road. Signs outside of businesses proclaimed the pride that our town has in Western's basketball team.

It was a sight to see when cars, overflowing with students, encircled the campus honking their horns and cheering for our players after we beat

University of San Diego on March 16. This excitement continued as we waited anxiously for our game against top-seeded UCLA.

The way the Toppers played on Thursday against UCLA was nothing short of a David and Goliath-esque battle. We fought all the way to the end and even closed UCLA's lead down to four points in the second half. The heart that our team exhibited on the court was clearly seen. Those players fought until the end and coach Darrin Horn showed the type of character Western has when he cleared the bench in the final moments of the game.

Though this basketball season is over, let's not let our pride for Western die away. We need to

show our support for our teams through thick and thin, through victory and defeat. This basketball season we averaged 5,564 attendees in the 14 home games at Diddle Arena. With a maximum capacity of just less than 8,000 people we hope that in the coming season attendance will grow. But pride is not seasonal and we shouldn't forget the heart that our team has shown this season.

Pride isn't just about basketball or sports. Pride is about fighting until the end and believing that you can against all odds.

This editorial represents the majority opinion of the Herald's 10-member editorial board.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't downplay Toppers' tournament success

WKU basketball players recently fought a hard battle to the Sweet 16.

Nearly everyone on campus was highly enthused about the team gaining national attention not only WKU basketball but the university as a whole.

Unfortunately, there are some in the media who simply wish to downplay the achievements of WKU, going so far as making a mockery of our school and our area.

LA Times Writer T.J. Simers considered the game between UCLA and WKU as "a mismatch from the start." If that wasn't bad enough, he went on to say that "Western Kentucky's claim to greatness so far is one Final Four appearance back when folks were using typewriters to write games. Thanks for the memory."

It is amazing how quickly some will act to downplay success.

Knowing the character of the LA Times, this type of so called reporting shouldn't surprise anyone.

The Hilltoppers took the battlefield of the basketball court against a nationally known school, and held their own, nearly defeating UCLA.

Those who watched the game know that the players didn't back down for an instant. They didn't roll over and give up, but simply fought for the prize of the championship.

The end of the game may have been a disappointment to Hilltopper fans, but the journey to a prize often reveals the true character and spirit of those who seek it. Without speaking a word, Big Red simply shouted to the crowd with a look and said "We'll be back."

Jason Abston
Edmonton freshman

Holding our own on the court, but not on the airwaves

Thanks to the men's basketball team for a great game in the Sweet 16 against UCLA.

Like many others, I was forced to watch a less than stellar Louisville-Tennessee game, which just made me want to say "please let it stop." I wish the networks had showed the WKU game instead. It was better played, and although WKU did not win, the players certainly don't need to leave Phoenix in shame.

As close as FOUR POINTS against a first-seeded team? Great play, guys! Thanks. I'm one of those for whom it doesn't matter who wins — just how the game is played, and WKU played it well.

Michael J. Denis
Parksville

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COMMENTARY

SGA president addresses online attacks



JEANNE JOHNSON
SGA President

I am sure most are well aware that the campus is in the throes of yet another ugly Student Government Association election. Having gone through two elections myself, I want to first recognize all candidates currently running.

Being a candidate or officer in SGA completely exposes your work, personal life and weaknesses to the entire public. Vicious supporters of both parties maliciously slam and attack the character of the opponent or any previous officers.

Although my least favorite part of SGA, this is to be expected in politics, and students who choose to take part in such a government must sacrifice any privacy and grow thick skin. I applaud the backbone of all six candidates who are being subjected to such scrutiny.

Nevertheless, the purpose of this letter is to address the numerous personal attacks I have received during this election. No, I am not running, but I have publicly endorsed Johnathon Boles, Kayla Shelton and Skylar Jordan — exposing myself to the tongue thrashing of many.

Perhaps the most recited criticism is my engagement to Chief Justice and love of my life Brian Fisher. Brian and I have been dating openly for one-and-a-half years now. Our relationship has never been undisclosed nor has it ever resulted in a conflict of interest.

One could reasonably argue that perhaps the potential for a conflict of interest is present, but such a concern should have been brought forth one-and-a-half years ago when we displayed our relationship on the extremely public forum, Facebook.

I do believe whole-heartedly that the overwhelming majority of current SGA representatives would agree that Brian and mine's relationship has never been unethical or created a conflict of interest. It breaks my heart that the supporters of the Red Towel Party feel the need to tarnish and degrade what is supposed to be one of the happiest moments of my life.

I am further disgusted by other tactics that supporters of the Red Towel Party have done to defame my character. One gentleman in particular, Mr. Vincent Bonetti, provoked an altercation with me online. He then visited the SGA office during my office hours, where I met Mr. Bonetti for the first time, and confronted him about his posts.

I passionately asked him not to write slanderous or false, insinuating comments about me online, when, in fact, we had never even met before! For too many years, I have had to sit back and watch opponents and their supporters question my character.

I am happy to say that I graduate in four weeks and am no longer bound by political protocol. I gladly gave Mr. Bonetti a piece of my mind and enjoyed every second of it!

Unfortunately, Mr. Bonetti's true character would show through, and I found out shortly later that he had recorded our conversation without my consent. He immediately walked the recording to the Herald, hoping for a printed story. (How ironic that Mr. Bonetti questions my ethics!)

And no, Mr. Bonetti, I know that you do not carry a tape recorder with you everywhere. Your intention was to provoke my temper, which can be quite impressive, in order to create bad publicity.

I am galled at the level the Red Towel Party supporters are willing to stoop. I'd like to say at this point that "frankly, I don't give a damn," but unfortunately the harassment has reached a level I cannot ignore and after all, I am human (and a girl at that).

So, for the sake of my sanity and emotional stability, please just leave me alone.

The opinions expressed in this commentary do not reflect those of the Herald or the university.

Annie's

OUTLOOK A cartoon strip by Annie Erskine



FACILITIES

Lots closed for renovations

MARIANNE HALE
Herald reporter

The parking hunt could get intense during the next 12 weeks as empty parking spots become endangered spaces.

Construction on the Kentucky Street and Felts lots was supposed to begin Monday.

There were cars parked in the lots yesterday even though the project was supposed to begin, Project Manager Dan Chaney said.

Barricades were put up last night to keep cars out of the lots as the \$450,000 project begins, said Jennifer Tougas, director of parking and transportation.

The gravel lots will be paved as part of campus-wide parking improvements, which have already started in lots such as the College Hill lot, said Ginny Griffin, operations manager for parking and transportation.

Workers will begin by grading the land before paving can start, said Doug Ault, director of planning, design and construction.

Grading involves leveling the land; adding dirt to shallow places and removing it from overfilled places, he said.

Other improvements include installing better drainage to guard against heavy rain and putting in a permanent emergency phones and lighting.

The current phone and lighting is temporary, Ault said.

The Felts and Kentucky Street lots now have a combined 282 spaces.

When complete, the lots will have 169 parking spaces.

Greek development accounts for the decreasing parking spaces, Griffin said.

Gravel will remain in a portion of the lots until the Greek organizations raise the money to build houses there, said Charley Pride, director of student activities and organizations.

Greeks living near the parking area will each get 20 spaces in the lot, Tougas said.

But commuters can park in the gravel area until the Greek houses are built, she said.

The parking and transportation department has recommended parking alternatives for drivers on the parking space prowl.

Students can park in the Creason Lot and take the shuttle bus to classes, Griffin said.

She also recommended parking in the Center and Adams streets lots.

Drivers can typically find spaces in those lots, she said.

Expansion of the 14th Avenue and College Hill lots last fall should compensate for faculty parking spaces lost during the Felts lot construction, she said.

Parking and transportation received several complaints regarding the construction's timeliness, Tougas said.

Construction was originally planned to start last fall.

Construction was rescheduled to happen during the spring semester because students and faculty can find parking spaces easier in the spring.

Lower spring enrollment means less chaotic parking, Griffin said.

Construction began this semester in hopes of having the lots completed before the fall 2008 semester begins.

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LUKE SHARRETT/HERALD

Sen. Hillary Clinton smiles at a group of supporters as she makes her way around the crowd autographing books, shirts and signs after her campaign rally in Louisville Saturday evening.

CLINTON

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Sen. Patrick Leahy voiced the opinion of some Democrats when he said on Vermont Public Radio that Clinton should withdraw from the nomination race and back Obama, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Leahy said he is concerned the Democratic party's split will weaken it against Republican nominee John McCain.

Clinton responded by relating her struggle for nomination to the day to day struggle of middle-class Americans.

"I look around here and I bet there are a lot of stories of overcoming some tough times, of going and going when it seemed like there was every reason to stop," Clinton said. "But that is not who we are, and that is not who I am. I'm going to keep fighting in these primaries and keep asking for your votes."

The crowd roared its approval.

Clinton's promise to make college affordable brought cheers from the many students at the rally. A group of students behind her waved a "Students 4 Hillary" sign.

Clinton said she wants to

shift scholarship money back to need-based aid from merit-based. She talked about plans to increase money for Pell Grants, end the "predatory" practices of student loan companies and offer student debt forgiveness for public service.

Franklin sophomore Fallon Burress, 19, attended the rally.

"The reason I really support Hillary is because of the education emphasis on her agenda," Burress said.

Clinton's policies could help offset the financial strain students will face after the Kentucky budget cuts, Burress said.

Clinton also spoke about boosting the American job market with "green-collar" jobs in alternative and sustainable energy fields, offering universal health care, ending the war in Iraq and creating a G.I. bill of rights.

Venita Stice and her boyfriend Jim Robertson agree that it's time for a woman in the White House. Stice, a former employee of Churchill Downs on disability, said her family would benefit from Clinton's policies. Her 27-year-old daughter would be able to go back to college and Robertson, who owns his own landscaping business, would be able to afford health insurance.

Clinton hugged Stice and

kissed her on the cheek after the rally.

"You could feel the spirit is alive in her and alive in the people there," Stice said. "Everybody loved her. You could feel the warmth and the love that she has for the U.S. and when you feel that, you've got something."

Louisville Councilwoman Tina Ward-Pugh is a member of Team Hillary Kentucky, a campaign support group who was selling shirts outside the rally.

"Because our primary isn't until May 20, some of us decided early on that if we were going to have a primary, it was going to be vicariously through other states," Ward-Pugh said.

Members of Team Hillary Kentucky campaigned in Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Georgia and Ohio before realizing that Kentucky's primary would count.

"Kentucky counts, as the sign says," Clinton said. "I'm counting on you, and if you deliver for me, you will be able to count on me to deliver for you." She left the stage to the sounds of loud cheering and John Mellencamp's "Small Town" playing from the gym's speakers.

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NEWS BRIEF

Fire station under construction

A new fire station for Bowling Green is under construction.

The groundbreaking for Greenwood Fire Station began last week, according to a press release.

The fire station will be the sixth one for the city and is scheduled to be completed in February 2009, but Mayor Elaine Walker said she hopes it will be done earlier.

The new station will be

located on Cherry Farm Lane across from Greenwood High School, Walker said.

The project has been in the works for a number of years and the new station is necessary for the fire department to maintain their goal of responding to any call within five minutes, Walker said.

Residents on the south side of town don't always get help as quickly as they need it, and the new fire station will serve those residents, said Kim Lancaster, public information coordinator

for the city.

The 14,000 square-foot building will initially be staffed by a four-person crew manning one fire apparatus, Lancaster said.

The building will also include room for expansion and there will be space for an IT department to set up a disaster recovery center, a backup dispatch system for patrol officers and a room for community meetings, Walker said.

— Laurel Wilson

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TURNOUT

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Tedde Harden, Red Towel Party presidential candidate, said he will rework the election codes if he's elected because they are outdated.

Harden said they lead to low voter turnout by severely limiting campaigning and that SGA should do more to publicize the election and itself.

"I would rather lose by 2,000 votes but have had 2,000 votes in this election," Harden said at the debate on March 18.

Harden's opponent Johnathon Boles said he agrees that time for campaigning should be extended to increase voter awareness.

It's the responsibility of SGA to get out early before the election process starts to let the student body know of the upcoming election, Boles said.

In an effort to increase student awareness, Boles said he has canvassed the campus instructing students on how to vote as well as campaign to students organizations.

The Red Towel candidates have also visited student organizations, speaking at their meetings over the past week, and had a rally yesterday outside Java City.

Paducah senior Glenn Lafferty watched the rally while he waited for a friend.

He said he has never voted in an SGA election or seen a rally.

"I've honestly never even heard of an SGA election," Lafferty said.

Bowling Green junior Erin Potzick said she knew about the upcoming election because she had seen the Red Towel candidates handing out fliers outside Java City.

"It's nice that they've taken it into the commons," she said.

Potzick said that, although she hasn't decided who to vote for, she believed the rally would get more people to vote.

Executive vice presidential candidate Kayla Shelton said that she didn't think it was appropriate for the independent candidates to have a rally similar to the Red Towel party's rally because it might send the message that they are a political party.

She said she supports the

short campaign time because a longer campaign allows for more mudslinging and it would interfere with their work as students and on SGA.

Skylar Jordan, administrative vice president candidate, said he has mixed feelings about the campaign term.

"As a student I would like to see longer campaigning for students to become more familiar with the issues," Jordan said.

"But as a candidate I would have to say no."

He said he also thought it would interfere with school and SGA work and allow for more mudslinging.

Pride said the elections are currently set up so they don't conflict with midterms or finals, but this isn't the first time the issue of campaign length has come up in the 20 years he's been at Western.

"Over the years, it has been like a pendulum swinging back and forth," he said. "We've gone up to a month with campaigns and then down to a week."

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STATE GOVERNMENT

Secretary of state visits Western to encourage students to vote

RYAN EDGE
Herald reporter

Secretary of State Trey Grayson talked with students and faculty at a breakfast yesterday about civic participation and voting.

He said students are generally one of the least politically engaged segments of society.

Grayson said this year's presidential primary has drawn out many new voters, especially young voters, but that the campaigns have overlooked a relevant Kentucky election law.

Changing party affiliation in order to vote in Kentucky's closed primary actually prevents a voter from participating in the primary all together.

Any party affiliation changes declared by a voter must be made by the end of the previous year.

"I expect about 20,000 to 30,000 voters to be disenfranchised by the party change rule by election day," Grayson said.

Anyone registering to vote in Kentucky for the first time has until April 21 to be eligible to vote in the May 20 primary.

Kentucky uses a closed primary system that limits voting to only the party of the voter. Independents can't vote in Kentucky's primary. Republicans can't vote in the Democratic race and vice versa.

"If they don't feel strongly enough to choose a side, then you have to question the logic of letting them choose a party candidate," said Joel Turner, assistant political science professor, who coordinated the event.



LOREN GIFFORD/HERALD

Trey Grayson, Kentucky's secretary of state, has breakfast with Western students on Monday. The students mostly questioned him on the presidential campaigns and presented him with a Western Sweet Sixteen T-shirt and clock.

Grayson said that he supports Kentucky's closed primary system, and opposes presidential primaries taking place on a single day.

Today Grayson leaves for New Mexico to lobby the GOP's rules committee for a reform to the current primary election system.

As treasurer for the National Association of Secretaries of State, Grayson will present the Rotating Regional Primary proposal in an effort to solve the date selection problem.

The proposed system will place Iowa first and New Hampshire second, according to tradition.

The other nominating contests would be divided into four geographic regions.

One region would vote each month from February to May and the order would rotate each election.

"The key for Grayson is getting the youth to vote," Turner said. "His visit is at least informational, if not motivational."

Turner said about 60 people attended the event.

Union sophomore Shane Noem is the current president of College Republicans and attended the lecture.

"It's refreshing to see a young Republican in a high ranking position in the state," Noem said. "If he ran for governor, he'd have my support in a heartbeat."

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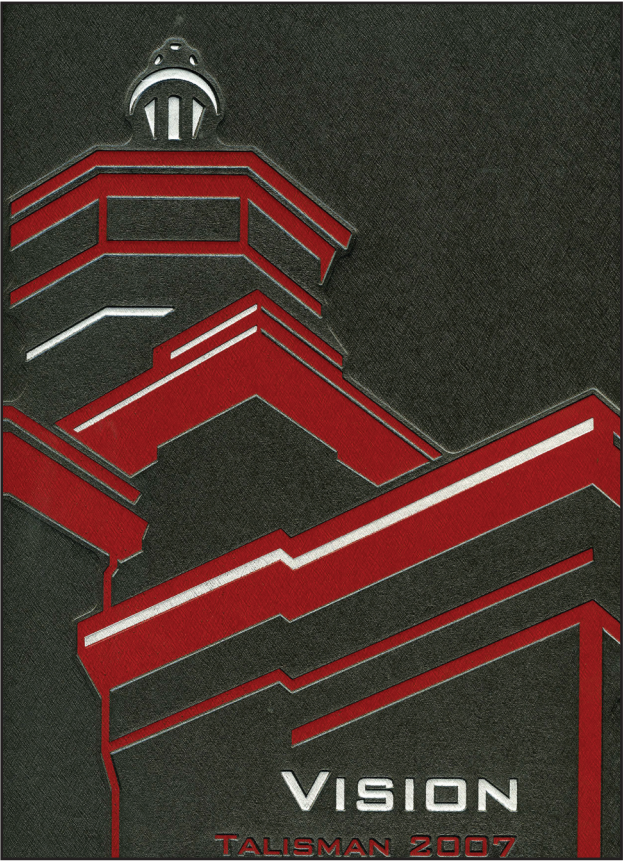
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WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Theater major pursues acting, dancing with Disney

JILL ERWIN
Herald reporter

Lindsay Crabtree, a senior from Dayton, Ohio, was a starfish and a character in the Disney Pixar film, "Finding Nemo."

At least she was for a day. In October, Crabtree boarded a plane and flew to Atlanta to audition for Disney. The auditions lasted only a day, but the process was very intense, Crabtree said.

"You learn a dance in like five minutes and have to perform it," she said. "After that, they make cuts and pull through the headshots right in front of the group and you automatically know if you're in the keep pile or not."

Out of about 50 other dancers, Crabtree made it to the top five, but she won't know if she

gets a job immediately. Her name will be on file for the next two years and she'll get called if needed.

But Crabtree has other plans in the meantime. In the summer, she will start a one year acting job at Carousel Dinner Theater in Fort Collins, Colo. While performing at the theater, Crabtree will act in several musicals including "Cats," "The Producers" and "All Shook Up."

Crabtree has been in several productions at Western including "Sweet Charity," "Ragtime" and "Step on a Crack." She also took jobs in plays during the summer, such as children's shows, that helped her to strengthen her talent.

"Children are the best audience," she said. "They are bru-

tally honest and will let you know if they don't like you. You know you're not entertaining when they are walking around and picking their noses."

But Crabtree began broadening her talent when she began drama in the sixth grade. Crabtree said she was a shy child and it brought her out of her shell.

"I know it is cliché to say that, but my big sister used to talk for me and I had terrible stage fright, so I needed something to bring me out of that," she said.

Through the program Muse Machine at her high school, Crabtree began to take more classes in ballet and acting and just fell into the group. She said it began her hang-out spot and the thing that kept her out of trouble.

David Young, associate

professor of theatre and dance, said that he's impressed with Crabtree's abilities and attitude about acting. He's glad she stuck with it.

"Lindsay is a triple threat," Young said. "She can act, sing and dance. She has always given her best and comes prepared. She has a strong ethic and no ego about what she does and that is a true testament to her abilities."

Bowling Green senior Katie Mitchell, Crabtree's best friend and fellow actor, said Crabtree is very dedicated to her job and very easy to work with.

"She is a very hard worker and it is apparent she loves what she does because of her constant dedication to her work," Mitchell said.

For now, Crabtree hopes to



Lindsay Crabtree

keep acting and try teaching acting and dance to children.

"I really love academia and children, so to teach would be nice," she said. "I just want to

keep the arts alive, although I know that sounds cheesy."

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FACILITIES

Colonnade facelift delayed by weather

MARIANNE HALE
Herald reporter

Inclement weather has slowed the Colonnade's renovation.

The \$285,000 renovation began in late November and was supposed to be completed by the end of April, Project Manager Alfonso Casana said.

But rain and low temperatures hurt the renovation's progress.

The renovation should be done before May commencement, Casana said.

The temperature must be 50 degrees for the mortar used in restoring the limestone structure, Casana said.

Dixie Restoration, the contractor doing the renovation, must be careful when dealing with the soft limestone.

The limestone making up the W.L. "Gander" Terry Colonnade has been damaged through weather erosion.

Much of the work is done by hand to avoid damaging the Colonnade with power tools, said Doug Ault, director of plan-

ning, design and construction.

Workers will be cleaning as well as removing and replacing stones to make the Colonnade look uniform, Casana said.

The Colonnade was originally constructed in 1927. It served as the entrance to Western's original football stadium.

Metal bleachers have replaced the original wooden bleachers, and the stadium has become Smith Stadium.

The location was chosen because it was in the middle of campus.

Western wanted athletics facilities to be together, said Jonathan Jeffrey, manuscript and folklife archives coordinator at the Kentucky Museum.

The old gym was located in the Helm Library near the Colonnade.

Spectators could see miles into Warren County standing at the top of the Colonnade, Jeffrey said. It provided a panoramic view.

The Colonnade area is now used for events that spectators can watch in the amphitheater.

The limestone used in its

construction is from Bowling Green.

The trademark limestone can be found in all of Western's older buildings, excluding Cherry Hall, Jeffrey said.

The Bowling Green quarry still exists, but the limestone contractor went out of business during the 1930s because of economic depression and poor labor supply.

The contractor's last project was making the columns in front of the Kentucky Building, Jeffrey said.

The Colonnade was designed in the Classic Revival style influenced by Greek and Roman architecture, University Archivist Suellyn Lathrop said.

Its ionic columns and rounded arches reflect the Classic Revival style.

The architecture makes it one of the most photographed places on campus, Jeffrey said.

"I think the Colonnade is a beautiful structure and I'm glad it's still on our campus," he said.

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► NEWS BRIEF

Film festival premieres on April 7

The 14th annual Western Film and Video Festival will take place April 7-April 10.

The event is sponsored by the School of Journalism and Broadcasting.

The festival, which lasts four days, will include the screenings of works by recognized filmmakers as well as offer the

opportunity for people to view the projects of up-and-coming film artists in the awards competition.

All seminars and screenings will be in Mass Media and Technology Hall and are free to students and the public.

The festival kicks off at 7 p.m. on April 7 with the premiere screening of the documentary "Thesis Film." The film will be introduced by the writer,

director and producer, Assistant Professor Ron Demarse.

The documentary follows 12 film students as they learn about filmmaking and attempt to make their own movies.

A second screening will take place at 9:30 p.m., and will include director's commentary.

For a complete list of events go to Western's Web site.

— Susie Laun

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CAMPUS LIFE



MARY POWERS/HERALD

“**Samoa Surprise**” dessert cups were part of the Girl Scouts Dessert First benefit at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bowling Green. Chefs and Western culinary students created recipes including various types of Girl Scout cookies.

Girl Scout cookies inspire chefs’ desserts for charity

RYAN FRANKLIN
Herald reporter

Girl Scout supporters offered up their taste buds and funds for the inaugural Desserts First event at the Hilton Garden Inn on Thursday. Guests to the event needed only to bring their appetites.

Desserts First is a fundraising event in which chefs from local restaurants, Girl Scout company partners and individuals create their own desserts made from some of the world’s most famous cookies.

The event began with the sampling of Girl Scout cookie desserts and hor d’oeuvres. Music by the Bowling Green Chamber Ensemble livened the event room. Silent auctions and the dessert walk commenced before all votes were counted and prizes were awarded to the winners of the best desserts.

Guests placed their vote for the best dessert with the people’s choice award. John Riley, a Western student, won the people’s choice award for his chocolate Samoa cheesecake.

The golden whisk as well as the gold grater was given to dessert and hor d’oeuvre chefs as voted on by judges Romanza Johnson, Mayor Elaine Walker and Chef Mike Riggs. The Cellar’s Jeremy Ziakas won

the golden whisk for his mint cheesecake and Cosmos’ Karl Schrecke’s sun-dried tomato cheesecake earned the gold grater award.

“I think it was a very nice affair and a good cause,” said Lillie Mitchell, a guest at the event, “Good food, happy people.”

Mitchell said that she often attends these types of fundraisers to help organizations such as the Girl Scouts.

“I think it’s my civic duty,” Mitchell said.

The Desserts First fundraiser was based on a similar event that happens in Louisville. According to Henny Saltsman, first vice president of the Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana, the Desserts First committee has been planning the Bowling Green event for three months.

Saltsman said that as a board member, she wanted to support the Girl Scouts and make them better known in the community. After seeing the success of the Louisville event, Saltsman wanted to hold the same event in a different Kentucky location.

“Why not try it in Bowling Green,” Saltsman said.

Saltsman said the Desserts First fundraiser will help pay for materials for Girl Scout programs and leaders. The money will support girls in the Bowling

Green area as well as 15 counties, Saltsman said.

Christina Jones is a chef for Imagine Cakes and Candies and has participated in dessert making events. Her Bananas Fosteretts, made with Trefoils, Samoas and shortbread crust, were a crowd favorite. Jones said that she enjoys baking, especially for events such as Desserts First.

“I think it’s great to come up with new ideas,” Jones said. “I think it’s really wonderful.”

Jones is anticipating next year’s event already. She says that she even has her dessert picked out.

Carl Chaney of Chaney’s Dairy Barn said he would do Desserts First again next year. Chaney enjoys the chance to do something positive for the Girl Scouts, which he said is a good cause.

Brian Hall, from Edy’s Ice Cream, says that as long as their ice cream company has the Girl Scout cookie flavors, someone from Edy’s will be there at the event.

“I think that they found it very good for a first time,” Saltsman said, “We look forward to a bigger and better event (next year).”

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CAMPUS LIFE

Chinese group visits Lincoln’s birthplace

ALEX BOOZE
Herald reporter

“Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.”

Those words rang through a van filled with nine Chinese students, scholars and faculty on Saturday as they approached the birthplace of President Abraham Lincoln.

The group, from the Chinese Students and Scholars Association, decided to visit Sinking Springs Farm, Lincoln’s childhood home in Hodgenville; Knob Creek, the site of his childhood home, and Bardstown, to tour My Old Kentucky Home.

Jiaqi Li, a graduate student from Shenyang City, China, said that he’ll cherish his time spent in Kentucky because it’s temporary.

“I will tell my friends all about the things I have learned in Kentucky, especially about Abraham Lincoln, the most famous president of America,” Li said. “For me, this trip was wonderful because I have made new friends on this trip, and I have a new re-recognized feeling about Lincoln and his integrity.”

Li’s first trip to the United

States has been a great experience. He loves the living environment, the culture and people because they’re very peaceful, he said.

Michelle Lai, a freshman from Hong Kong, said her experiences in the United States have opened her eyes to other types of living.

“Kentucky is very different than Hong Kong because there is more countryside and a lot of trees and it is a good place to raise horses,” Lai said. “I’ve always liked Kentucky, but I wanted to see other parts of the state and learn about its history.”

Larry Caillouet, associate professor of communication and the faculty adviser of CSSA, said he took students on the trip to learn about Kentucky history and show them the countryside.

“A lot of international scholars and students don’t get out of Bowling Green a lot to see what is outside of the place they’re in,” Caillouet said. “By venturing out of the Bowling Green area they can see what affects who we are today.”

Caillouet said CSSA is an important aspect of the Western’s growth as it becomes an American university with international reach.

“Foreign students need to make sure they spend their time

here wisely and not be stuck in books all the time because everything they need to know and experience is not always in a book,” he said. “The only way to learn a culture is to rub against it and that’s what I hope they did today.”

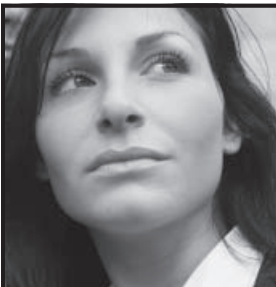
The group made some unexpected stops, including a brief visit at a roadside farm to see a llama and a quick stop in Glendale to get ice cream and look at antiques.

Caillouet said the unexpected events and friendships formed along the way helped make the trip special.

As they loaded up the van to head home, Richard Troutman, a retired professor of history and a historian who attended the trip, led the group in an organized chorus of “My Old Kentucky Home” as they chatted among each other about the day’s activities.

“To a certain extent, a nation is judged by the people it holds up as its heroes, and Abraham Lincoln possessed qualities of integrity and intelligence that contributed to the formation of America,” Troutman said. “This trip gave us a chance to recall once more the life of a man who made such a deep impression on America.”

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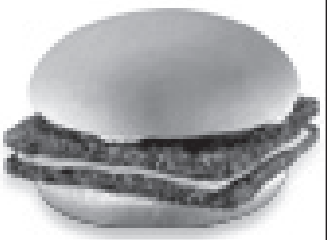
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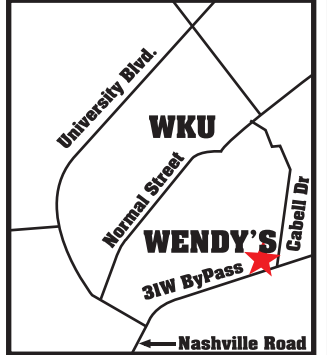


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(Top Left) **Edwin Pfaff, combat medic and junior from Royal Oak, Mich.,** shows a photo taken of him before his first deployment to Afghanistan in 2003. Pfaff, 23, has been in the Army for six years and does not plan to re-enlist. "I joined the Army because i knew it was a career, and I didn't want to and up like my parents, working from check to check," Pfaff said.

(Top Right) **Pfaff, along with his cousin Josh Westerfield and his girlfriend Cindy,** all take a few minutes to step outside and enjoy the day. On the way back in the house, Westerfield tries to push Pfaff off of the porch.

(Above) **Pfaff works** to replace the gasket on his truck's water pump, spoiling his Saturday afternoon plans to go trail riding with his cousin. Pfaff said he chooses to work on his vehicles himself and does not mind the extra time spent to save money on the repairs.

(Left) **Edwin Pfaff picks up and spins** 6-year-old Jace, the son of his cousin's girlfriend. "Come on, little man, is that all you got?" Pfaff jokes with him as they both laugh.



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Phi Mu golf scramble aids charities

LARRY ROWELL
Herald reporter

The word "scramble" means different things to different people: eggs, run for your life, or mix up something.

But to Katie Ambrosia, Phi Mu sorority philanthropic chair, the word "scramble" means sponsoring a golf tournament and raffle sale to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

Thirty-two teams from the area participated in the first Phi Mu golf scramble Sunday at CrossWinds Golf Course in Bowling Green.

Most golf scramble teams are made up of four players who each pay an entry fee to play in the event.

About \$3,000 collected from the golf scramble will go to the Children's Miracle Network, an alliance of 170 children's hospitals that help children of all races, ages, religions, ailments and financial backgrounds, according to the network's Web site.

Raffle sales from gifts donated by area businesses will send \$721 in Sally Schiller's name to St. Jude Children's Hospital Ambrosia said.

The Memphis based hospital, started in 1962, is a leading research hospital in the area of childhood diseases. All children admitted to St. Jude are treated regardless of the family's ability to pay, the hospital Web site stated.

Schiller, 18, of Franklin, Tenn., died Feb. 17 at Vanderbilt University Hospital from injuries suffered in an automobile accident two days earlier on Interstate 65 in Tennessee. Schiller was initiated into Phi Mu in fall 2007 and was very active in the sorority.

Ambrosia, a junior from Plainfield, Ill., said the event was a great success because of the hard work of the Phi Mu sisters.

And she had special praise for her assistant, Bowling Green sophomore Sarah Myers.

"Because Sarah lives in Bowling Green, she has many contacts and was able to collect the items for the raffle," Ambrosia said.

Phi Mu also holds monthly fundraisers that benefit local charities such as the Boys and Girls Clubs and Relay for Life.

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DANIEL HOUGHTON/HERALD

Senior guard Tyrone Brazelton looks on in disgust after a call during Thursday night's game against UCLA in the U.S. Airways Center in Phoenix.

DREAM

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"We accomplished our goals, which were to make it to the NCAA Tournament," sophomore forward Jeremy Evans said. "We wanted to try to win some games and even win the [NCAA] championship, but only one team can do that and we still had a pretty good season that will help us as a program for next year."

The complexion of the program will change considerably next season after the Toppers lose five seniors, including this season's leading scorer and the school's all-time co-leading scorer, Courtney Lee.

Sophomore guard A.J. Slaughter said this will make guys want to put more work in

during the offseason.

"Guys are going to have to come back and work extra hard just to get back to his point and even further," Slaughter said. "We have a taste for it now, so we'll probably want more of it next year."

Freshman forward D.J. Magley started 32 of 35 games this year.

"You have to remember the feeling before tonight," Magley said. "But you also have to remember tonight's feeling and you just keep going on that."

Brazelton only spent two years at Western but leaves with plenty of memories.

"I cant speak on how much I am going to miss these guys," Brazelton said. "We're not just friends and teammates, we're a family."

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HORN

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Coaches leaving Western for Southeastern Conference schools is nothing new. Dennis Felton left Western in 2003 for Georgia after taking the Toppers to three consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances and three straight Sun Belt Conference tournament championships.

"They had highly successful stays," Selig said. "I don't know what factors contribute to the departure."

Horn leaves Western having made just one trip to the NCAA Tournament and winning one Sun Belt Conference tournament championship, all this season. His career record is 111-48, all at Western.

He takes over a South Carolina team that finished 14-18 this season, and won the post-season National Invitational Tournament in 2005 and 2006.

Selig also said that Horn left the program in fantastic shape. Horn was the second fastest coach in school history to reach 100 wins, and every player that completed their eligibility graduated.

Selig said the search for a new coach at Western is underway and that everyone is a candidate right now, but was not willing to discuss who specifically is a candidate, nor



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when he expects Western to announce the hiring of a new head coach.

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DANIEL HOUGHTON/HERALD

(Top) Head coach Darrin Horn watches the Drake game in Tampa from the sidelines along with his team.
(Above) Horn yells from the sidelines during the game against UCLA in Phoenix.

DARRIN HORN'S CAREER

1992 Darrin Horn begins playing career at Western.	1995 Horn graduates from Western with a bachelor's degree in allied English arts and becomes an assistant coach at Western.	1999-2003 Horn is an assistant coach for Tom Crean at Marquette	2006 Western wins Sun Belt East Division, earns second straight trip to National Invitational Tournament.	MARCH 28 Reports surface that Horn is the leading candidate to become the head coach at South Carolina
1993 Horn and Toppers make it to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament.	1997-1999 Horn is an assistant coach at Morehead State University.	2003 Horn returns to Western to take head coaching position	2008 Horn makes his first trip to the NCAA Tournament after winning his first Sun Belt Conference Championship. Toppers lose in the Sweet 16 round to UCLA.	MARCH 31 Western Athletics Director Wood Selig confirms that Horn is leaving for South Carolina.

TRACK & FIELD

Collective success helps teams shine

CHRIS ACREE
Herald reporter

Although track and field is considered a collection of individuals in a team sport, groups of four athletes in Topper red and white have been having the most success on the track this season.

The men and women's 4x400-meter relay teams have been a strong point of track competition this season.

"Track can be very individualized," coach Erik Jenkins said. "But if you want to run a relay, and you have to run at an elite level, you have to have 3 or 4 very good athletes."

Both of the relay team's have set program and conference marks in the event this season.

It was the men's 4x400-meter relay team's first-place finish in the Sun Belt Conference Indoor championships that ultimately won the Toppers their first indoor conference champion-

ship since 1976 on Feb. 24.

The men's team, consisting of sophomores Gavin Smellie and Terrill McCombs, and juniors Alexander Larin and Romaine McKay went on to break the program record by almost four seconds, and the conference record by over six-tenths of a second at the Iowa State Last Chance meet on March 8.

The team went on place eighth at the NCAA meet on March 15.

On the women's side, the 4x400-meter relay team of sophomores Miaie Williams and Kellie Morrison, junior Alecia Brown, and senior Valerie Brown ran a NCAA Regional-qualifying time of 3:41.07 at the Florida State Snowbird Invitational on March 23.

The performance marked the third-fastest time in program history at that event.

"It caught us totally off guard," Valerie Brown said. "None of us knew or had inten-

tions of qualifying the very first meet like that. I feel like we have potential to even run faster."

Jenkins said that the outdoor season is where the relay team takes a whole new significance.

Part of this reason is due to the addition of a new event, the 4x100-meter relay, which provides more points in team-based competitions.

Alecia Brown said that there is a psychological effect in running a relay outdoors.

"Overall, it provides a lot more competitive environment," Alecia Brown said. "It's open, it's outdoors, the environment makes you want to run. It's not indoors and cooped up."

The team will split up this weekend to compete in both the Florida Relays in Gainesville, Fla. and the Stanford Relays in Stanford, Calif.

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FOOTBALL

Elson sees improvement following scrimmage

ANDREW ROBINSON
Herald reporter

Coach David Elson is pleased thus far with a couple of aspects of the Toppers' spring practices.

"Well we still haven't lost a game, and we're still undefeated," Elson said jokingly.

Elson said he has seen in the last couple of weeks that the team is looking bigger, faster and stronger.

While Elson has seen changes in terms of the Toppers' strength, he doesn't expect there to be major changes in terms of Western's spread offense or their defensive and special teams schemes.

"It's just tweaks here, tweaks there," Elson said. "So just things we think we can do to improve."

Elson said the team will apply about 85 to 90 percent of the schemes.

Elson said early on he has been impressed with the tempo of the offense and after using a two-quarterback system last fall, he said they will decide on one quarterback.

Elson said senior quarterback David Wolke has been

out recently with an injury he suffered in the weight room but expects Wolke to return to practice soon.

Wolke shared signal-calling duties last year with sophomore K.J. Black.

"We've been efficient with our passing game," Elson said. "And I expect our running backs to be a strength for us."

Sophomore fullback Rod Johnson said he thinks the Toppers are really beginning to come together as a team as well.

"Hopefully I will get playing time in the fall," Johnson said. "But as of right now, I am just working my tail off to just get in the rotation."

Senior David Miller said he is using the spring as an opportunity to work on his blocking and route-running.

"Everybody has a role in the offense," Miller said. "And we're a zone team, so if everyone covers their personal

assignment then we should be good."

Elson said the older guys have been handling things well and expects the younger guys to get up to speed soon because they have a better understanding of what is happening.

Elson told the guys after their first mini-scrimmage that they appeared very physical.

"We saw guys flying around and being physical," Elson said. "That's something we want. We're known for, and want to continue to be known for being a hard-nosed, physical football team."

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Western's spring schedule culminates at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 19 with the Red-White game.

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— Rod Johnson
Sophomore fullback

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Aymett said that about 1,500 people came to last year's Battle of the Greeks, and he estimated that about 900 people attended Thursday night.

Those that did attend saw bloody noses, battered faces and thousands of landed punches.

"I've always wanted to fight, but this is the first year I'm able to," said Simpsonville junior Trevor Simms, who represented Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Leitchfield senior John Boone, who came to the event to support Rodriguez, his fra-

ternity brother, said the event was a fun way of gaining prestige for individuals and fraternities.

"It's a guy thing," Boone said. "We like the competition. We want to be the best. You beat some guy's ass in here, nobody's going to question you."

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SOFTBALL



CHRISTOPHER FRYER/HERALD

Junior Ryan Rogge pitches against Troy on Sunday. She gave up 10 runs and the Lady Toppers lost to the Trojans by one run.

Struggles fill Lady Tops' weekend

COREY OGBURN
Herald reporter

The Lady Toppers (14-19, 2-9) displayed moments of greatness in their three-game weekend series against Troy. But in the end, Western couldn't overcome its little mistakes to avoid a sweep.

"We obviously have moments when we can bring it all together and be a good team," head coach Tyra Perry said. "We just need to tweak the little things, because it's the little things that happen over and over again that hurt us."

One of the moments Perry alluded to came in the final game of the series on Sunday when junior center-fielder Sam Cronk belted a grand-slam home-run over the left-field fence in the fifth inning to tie the game at 9-9.

"It was crucial for someone to get a hit with the bases loaded," Cronk said. "We had already stranded several runners in the game."

The Lady Toppers gave up a

run in the sixth inning and went on to lose the game 10-9.

"There are some good things happening," assistant coach Auriel Jenkins said. "We're hitting the ball hard and making some good plays, it's just the little things that happen and snowball to get us down."

The Lady Toppers weren't any more successful in their double-header on Saturday.

In the second game, Western gave up an early two-run lead in the first inning and was unable to even the score. Junior third-baseman Rebecca Horesky recorded the team's lone RBI in the first inning with a double scoring freshman designated hitter Brittney Perry.

The Trojans put up three more runs and won the game 5-1.

The Lady Toppers started the series with a 7-3 loss in the first game on Saturday.

Sophomore right-fielder Lindsay Antone hit a three-run home-run accounting for Western's only runs in the game.

Giving up early runs and the inability to get the timely hit are two common themes that are hurting the Lady Toppers.

"We just have to come out strong, especially in the first inning," sophomore shortstop Kelsey McCauley said. "Us battling back shows a lot about the character of our team but we need to shut down those big innings especially early."

Over the series, Western gave up 11 first inning runs and left 14 runners on base.

Despite their struggles, The Lady Toppers are still trying to remain positive.

"In this type of situation the one thing you don't want to do is get down," Jenkins said. "We're trying to take the good things out of what happened this weekend and go from there."

Western will take the field again at 4 p.m. today at Evansville.

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CLUB SPORTS

◆ On Sunday, the Western field hockey club lost 5-1 to Kentucky

◆ The Ultimate Frisbee club hosted a tournament at Earlham College in Richmond, Ind, and took second place overall with a 6-1 record on the weekend.

◆ This weekend, the women's rugby club will travel to Carbondale, Ill, and the women's lacrosse club travels

to Athens, Ohio for tournaments. The Ultimate Frisbee club is playing in the sectional qualifying tournament this weekend at Denison University.




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BASEBALL

‘Natural’ performance helps Toppers sweep

RYAN CAREY
Herald reporter

Junior catcher J.B. Paxson took a page out of the 1984 baseball classic “The Natural” script in the Toppers’ (14-10, 3-6 Sun Belt Conference) 9-0 win over Youngstown State (5-15, 1-2 Horizon League) on Sunday to complete the sweep of the Penguins.

In the movie, Robert Redford’s character, Roy Hobbs, has a magical moment when he hits a home run into the stadium lights, shattering the bulbs and covering the field with sparks.

Sunday’s version was a little different. With a 6-0 lead in the seventh inning, Paxson hit a high foul ball off to the right just over the protective netting behind home plate. The ball hit some of the lights at the edge of the stands shattering them and causing pieces of glass to fall, just like in the movie.

The same music that played when Redford’s character hit the home run humorously played over the loudspeakers at Nick Denes Field following the event.

“I was like, ‘oh no, I hope (the music) doesn’t jinx me,’” Paxson said.

He would not disappoint, as he put the next pitch over the left field wall.

Everyone cheered and the dugout came running out to congratulate the players who scored just like every other time a run is scored for the Toppers. But this time there was a little more excitement.

The music was on cue once again.

“I just wanted to help the team we had gotten it to a comfortable lead but if I got us a hit there our pitchers can come in and be totally relaxed and get work there in the later innings,” Paxson said. “It’s pretty

special. I don’t think I’ve ever done anything like that before in my life.”

The offense scored a total of 34 runs in the three-game series, with 20 of them coming in Saturday’s victory in the first game of a doubleheader.

“The longer the season goes on the better we get at seeing pitches,” sophomore third baseman Wade Gaynor said. “Early in the season we get fooled by a lot and we just have to get adjusted.”

The Toppers’ pitching staff held their own as well.

Freshman pitcher Rye Davis got the starting nod on Sunday and threw 5.1 scoreless innings.

“Today Rye gave us a good start,” coach Chris Finwood said. “It was by far his best performance of the year.”

Western’s bullpen finished what Davis started, with four pitchers combining to finish the shutout.

Sophomore pitchers Matt Ridings and Bart Carter both pitched seven innings and only gave up two earned runs a piece.

Carter, who had six strikeouts in Saturday’s 20-10 win, looked like his old self, Finwood said.

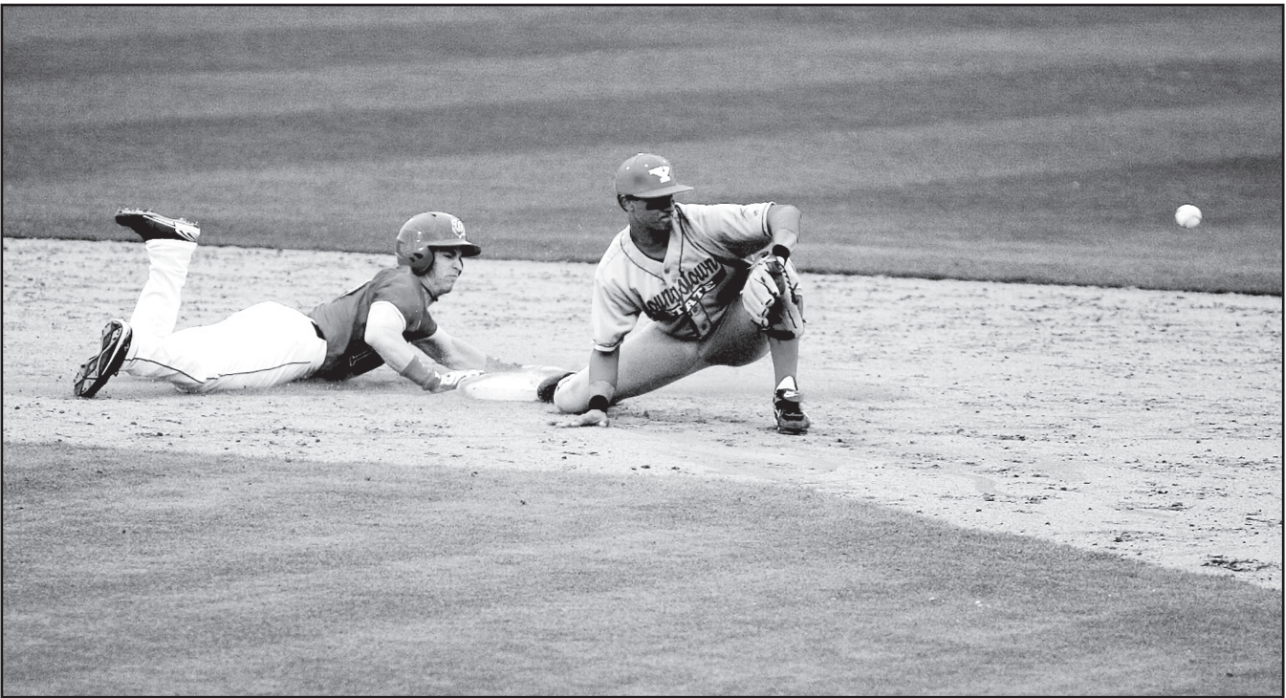
Ridings also struck out six in his Saturday performance as the Toppers’ won 5-2, taking a two game lead over the Penguins heading into Sunday’s match up.

Western will try to continue their success in tonight’s in-state match up against Louisville (14-9, 3-3 Big East).

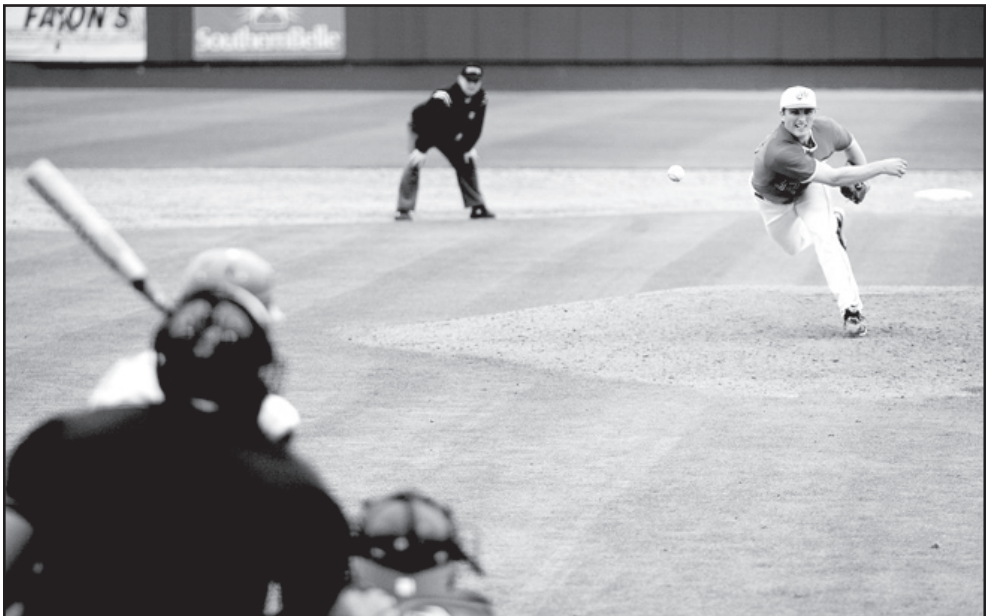
Louisville made it to the second round in last year’s College World Series.

The Toppers will play at 6 tonight at Nick Denes Field.

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(Above) Youngstown State infielder David Leon misses a throw to second base as junior pitcher Matt Hightower makes it safely back to the bag in the bottom of the seventh inning. The Hilltoppers swept their weekend series against Youngstown State on Sunday with a 9-0 win. (Left) Junior pitcher Ben Paxton slings a pitch toward the plate late in the Hilltoppers’ Sunday afternoon match-up against Youngstown State.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Dream season ends
in Sweet 16 match-up

ANDREW ROBINSON
Herald reporter

The shining moment is over. Western’s deepest run in the NCAA Tournament since 1993 came to a halt after the Toppers lost to UCLA 88-78 Thursday in Phoenix in the West Regional semifinal of the NCAA Tournament. Plenty of memories will come from their 2008 NCAA Tournament campaign. Start with perhaps the most memorable moment when senior guard Ty Rogers hit a buzzer-beater three-pointer for the Toppers to beat Drake 101-99 in the first round of the tournament. The shot has been nominated for the Pontiac Game-Changing Performance of the tournament. If Rogers’ shot wins, the school will win a \$100,000

scholarship from Pontiac. The play already nabbed Western a \$5,000 scholarship for being nominated. Senior guard Tyrone Brazelton also added two 30-plus point games, first against Drake and then again in the loss to UCLA. Brazelton finished the tournament averaging 26.3 points per game. I’m unbelievably proud of the team and specifically proud of the seniors, Horn said. They’ve elevated the program without question, and I think have done more than could describe here for the program and for the league as well. The Toppers 29-win season was one victory shy of the school record. It was, however, the most wins posted by a Sun Belt Conference school.

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Senior guard Courtney Lee heads to the locker room after playing the last game his collegiate career against UCLA in the U.S. Airways Center in Phoenix.

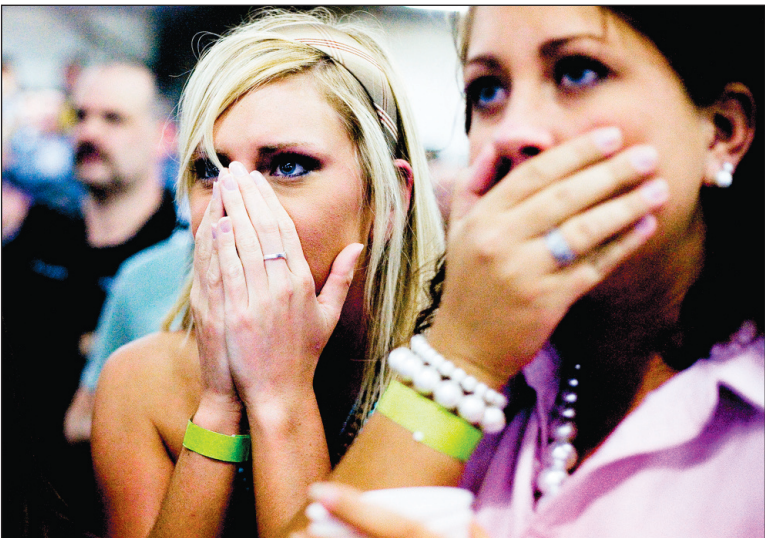
	1st half	2nd half	FINAL
Western (29-7)	20	58	78
UCLA (35-3)	41	47	88



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(Top) **Sigma Nu** fraternity member Dan Mancinelli, right, lands a right hook against Sigma Chi fraternity member Doug Chick during the heavyweight championship in Friday night’s Greek Boxing. Chick went on to win the heavyweight title. (Middle) **Baker Gardner**, member of **Pi Kappa Alpha** fraternity, punches Chris Winkler, member of **Lambda Chi Alpha** fraternity. Winkler won the match on Saturday. (Above) **Megan Noah**, left, and **Megan Millay**, right, watch the middleweight title match between Evan Goddard and Dane Rodriguez.

KnockOUT

Sigma Chi boxing draws about 1,500 people

SARAH HYMAN
& LEE JARVIS
Herald reporters

The gladiators circle each other, throwing sporadic punches. Spectators roar, chanting and cheering. Finally, one boxer delivers a knockout punch and stands victorious over his competitor. An ancient battle in the Coliseum? No, it was the fourth installment of the Sigma Chi fraternity’s Battle of the Greeks at Jaycees Pavilion Thursday and Friday night. About 26 representatives of campus fraternities participated in the Sigma Chi-sponsored event, stepping into the ring for three rounds lasting one minute each. “I think it was just a good way for all the fraternities to get together and face off for a bigger cause,” said Sigma Nu junior Dane Rodriguez, who won the middleweight title. The event raised about \$8,000 benefiting Huntsman Cancer Research Foundation in Utah. Elizabethtown senior Erica Lussier came on Thursday night with intentions of watching Western’s game, and was happy when she

learned what her admission was benefitting. “I’m glad I could contribute,” she said. U.S. Smokeless Tobacco, Cook Property Management, Vette City Liquors and JB Distributors were among the groups that donated to the event, Sigma Chi boxing coordinator Alex Aymett said. “I think it’s a great cause,” said Jessica May, a junior from Springfield, Tenn. “It’s a fun atmosphere for people to come and hang out, and it’s benefiting something else, too.” Part of the atmosphere included NCAA Tournament games, which were displayed on a projector during the event. On Thursday night, spectators were able to watch Western’s contest against UCLA, and Davidson’s victory against Wisconsin was shown on Friday. Some, however, were drawn away from the event by the basketball games. Glasgow junior Ben Wyatt has attended the Battle of the Greeks the past two years, but said he knew people who didn’t go Thursday night because of Western’s game.



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